

The House Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs - Local Legislation offers the following substitute to HB 1270:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Seminole County, approved August 16, 1920 (Ga. L. 1920, p. 610), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 12, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4073), so as to reapportion the commissioner districts; to provide for members currently serving; to provide for the submission of this Act to the United States Department of Justice; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Seminole County, approved August 16, 1920 (Ga. L. 1920, p. 610), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 12, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4073), is amended by striking in its entirety Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 2.

The Board of Commissioners of Seminole County shall consist of five members to be elected as provided in this Act. For the purpose of electing such members, Seminole County shall be divided into five districts as follows:

County Commissioner District No. 1: Begin at a point where State Route #91 intersects with the western boundary of Seminole County; thence, proceed in an easterly direction along the center of State Route #91 until it intersects with the J Q Harvey - River Road; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the center of the J Q Harvey - River Road until it intersects with the Phil Spooner Road; thence, proceed in an easterly direction along the center of Phil Spooner Road until it intersects with State Route 91; thence, then proceed in a northerly direction along the center of State Route #91 until it intersects with the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville; thence, proceed in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville until it intersects with

1 State Route #39; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along the center of State Route
2 #39 until it intersects with Fishpond Drain; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along
3 the center of Fishpond Drain until it intersects with the Peanut Bland Road; thence,
4 proceed in a westerly direction along the center of the Peanut Bland Road until it
5 intersects with the F B Faircloth Road; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along the
6 center of F B Faircloth Road until it intersects with the Burke Road; thence, proceed in
7 a westerly direction along the center of the Burke Road until it intersects with State Route
8 #39; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along the center of State Route #39 until it
9 intersects with State Route #253; thence, proceed in a westerly direction along the center
10 of State Route #253 until it ends; thence, forming an imaginary line crossing Lake
11 Seminole, running in the same westerly direction as State Route #253, until the imaginary
12 line intersects with the western boundary of Seminole County; thence, proceed in a
13 northerly direction along the western boundary of Seminole County until it reaches the
14 point of beginning.

15 County Commissioner District No. 2: Beginning at the northwest corner of Seminole
16 County; thence, proceed in an easterly direction along the northern boundary of Seminole
17 County until it intersects with the center of State Route #91; thence, proceed in a
18 southerly direction along the center of State Route #91 until it intersects with the Phil
19 Spooner Road; thence, proceed in a westerly direction along the center of the Phil
20 Spooner Road until it intersects with the J Q Harvey - River Road; thence, proceed in a
21 southerly direction along the center of the J Q Harvey - River Road until it intersects with
22 State Route #91; thence, proceed in a westerly direction along the center of State Route
23 #91 until it intersects with the western boundary of Seminole County; thence, proceed in
24 a northerly direction along the western boundary of Seminole County until it reaches the
25 point of beginning.

26 County Commissioner District No. 3: Beginning at a point where the east right of way
27 line of State Route #91 intersects the Northern boundary of the City of Donalsonville and
28 from said point proceed easterly along the northern boundary of the City of Donalsonville
29 until it corners south; thence proceed in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary
30 of the City of Donalsonville until it corners west; thence, proceed in a westerly direction
31 along the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville until it intersects with State
32 Route #91; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the center of State Route #91
33 to the point of beginning.

34 County Commissioner District No. 4: Beginning at the northeast corner of Seminole
35 County; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of Seminole
36 County until it intersects with State Route #253; thence; proceed in a southerly direction
37 along the center of State Route #253 until it intersects with Burke Road; thence, proceed

1 in a westerly direction along the center of Burke Road until it intersects with Fishpond
2 Drain; thence, proceed along the center of Fishpond Drain until it intersects with State
3 Route #39; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the center of State Route #39
4 until it intersects with the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville; thence,
5 proceed in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville
6 until it corners north; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary
7 of the City of Donalsonville until it corners west; thence, proceed in a westerly direction
8 along the norther boundary of the City of Donalsonville until it intersects with State
9 Route #91; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the center of State Route #91
10 until it intersects with the northern boundary of Seminole County; thence, proceed in an
11 easterly direction along the northern boundary of Seminole county to the point of
12 beginning.

13 County Commissioner District No. 5: All remaining lands not contained in districts one,
14 two, three and four and being bounded on the east, west, and south by original county
15 lines and on the north by the south lines of districts one and four shall be known as
16 district five.

17 Any part of Seminole County which is not included in any county commissioner district
18 described in this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which
19 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for
20 the State of Georgia. Any part of Seminole County which is described as being in a
21 particular county commissioner district shall nevertheless not be included within such
22 county commissioner district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such
23 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that county commissioner district
24 contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States
25 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the
26 description of any county commissioner district, whenever the description of such district
27 refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on
28 the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the Board of
31 Commissioners of Seminole County are to be elected in the November, 2002, general
32 election and in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population
33 based on the United States decennial census of 2000. It is not the intention of the General
34 Assembly to affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office,
35 or the manner in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as

1 provided by law on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to
2 the extent of reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Commissioners of Seminole County to
5 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
6 as amended.

7 **SECTION 4.**

8 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of
9 members of the Board of Commissioners of Seminole County shall become effective upon
10 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this
11 Act shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

12 **SECTION 5.**

13 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.